FCC: LOOKING FORWARD



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Four Topics

Local Competition

Broadband Deployment

Universal Service

Upcoming Issues

- Triennial Review
 - Balanced Regulations
 - encourage investment;
 - preserve local competition
 - Competition first, then deregulation
 - Accomplish these goals –consistent with the Statute and Court rulings.

Triennial Proceeding

- Federal/State Partnership
- Specific Criteria

- Performance Measures
 - Clear standards for enforcement

- Numbering Reform
 - Granted Conn. DPUC petition to implement specialized overlays
 - California Numbering Petition pending

Section 271 Process

- Markets are opening, competition is increasing
- January 2002
 - 9 states approved
 - 28.5% of RBOC access lines
- July 2003
 - 42 states approved - (5 applications pending)
 - Over 83% of RBOC access lines

Total CLEC Lines

■ 2003 -- 24.8 million

2002 - 19.7 million

26% Annual Increase

TELRIC Pricing

- Triennial Review -- Clarifies two key components of TELRIC pricing rules
 - Risk adjusted cost of capital used in calculating UNE prices should reflect the risks associated with a competitive market.
 - Use of an accelerated depreciation mechanism may present a more accurate method of calculating economic depreciation

TELRIC

TELRIC Review

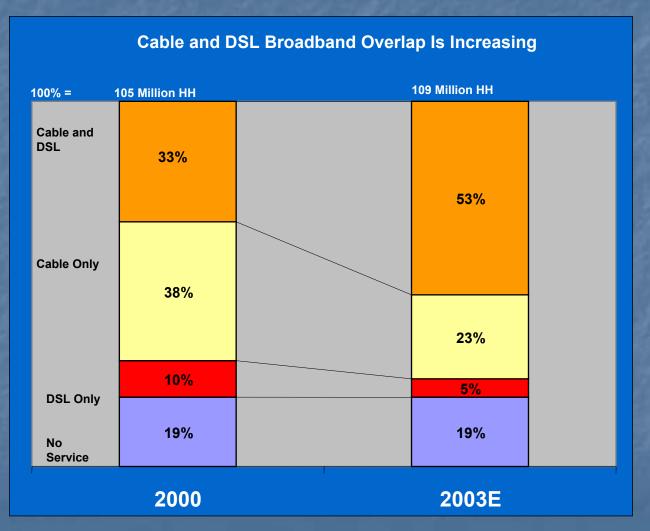
1996 Local Competition Order -- review pricing rules and issue additional guidance as necessary Need to ensure that forward-looking UNE prices reflect real-world attributes of an existing network

Verizon Forbearance Petition

Broadband

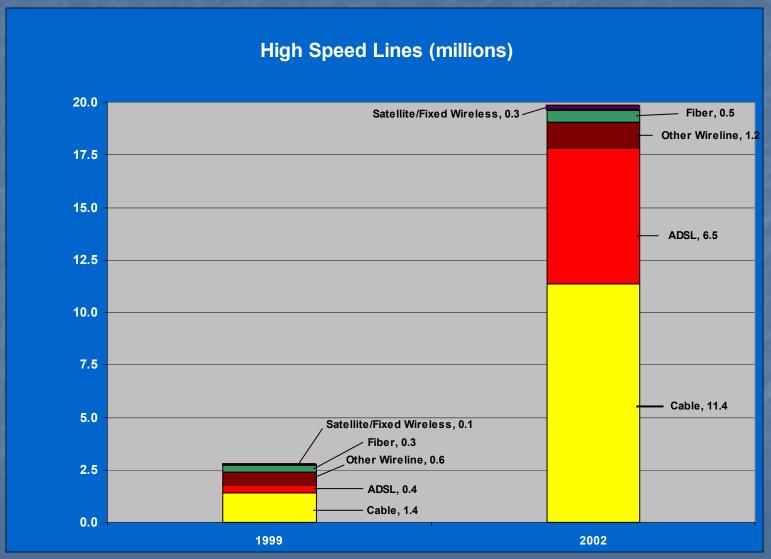
- Next Generation Networks/Triennial Review
 - Removed Unbundling Obligations for new technologies
- Statutory Definition
 - Information Service Classification Wireline Broadband Proceeding
 - Regulatory Parity Cable Modem Service

Cable/DSL Availability Overlap



Source: JPMorgan "Broadband 2003" – December 5, 2002

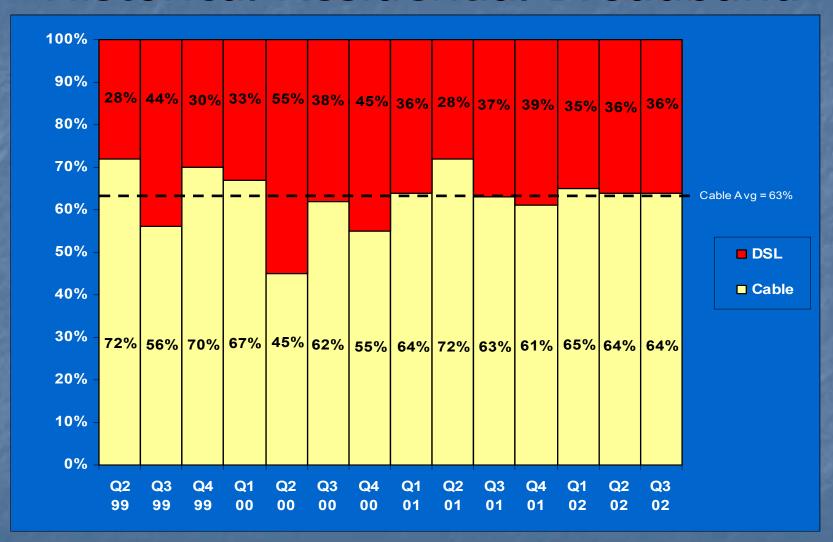
High Speed Line Growth 1999-2002



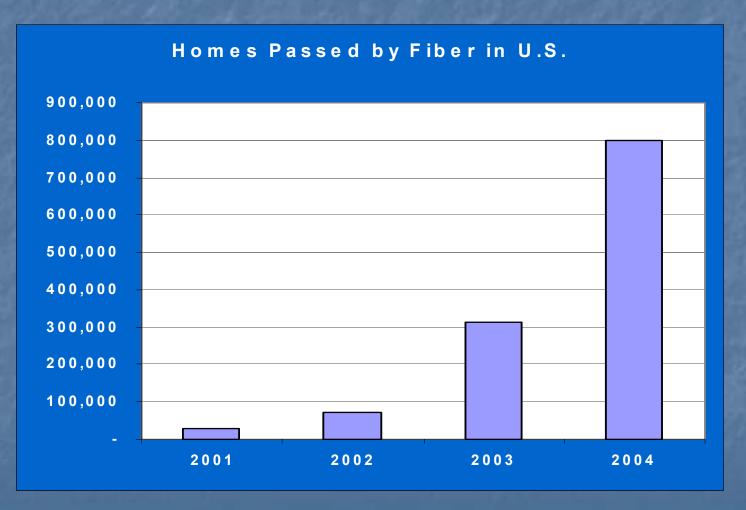
Population and Broadband

Top 5 States - # of BB Subscribers (mil)		Top 5 States - BB penetration
1 California	3.0	1 Massachusetts 24%
2 New York	2.0	2 New Jersey 23%
3 Florida	1.4	3 California 23%
4 Texas	1.3	4 Washington, DC 22%
5 Illinois	0.7	5 Alaska 21%

Historical Residential Broadband



FTTH



States with FTTH Deployment



Source: Telephony "Carriers Fill out the Nation with Fiber" - April 7, 2003

Broadband

Power Line Carrier Technology

WIFI

Satellite

Universal Service: Progress Continuing

Highest-Ever Level of Telephone Penetration in Households: 95.5%

Highest-Ever Level of Internet Access in Public School: 99%

Highest-Ever Level of Funding to Rural Hospitals: 72% increase

Post 1996 – FCC Universal Service Policy

- Contributions based on interstate telecommunications revenues
- Different support systems for rural and nonrural carriers
- Competitors' support based on ILEC costs

Changing Market

Declining Wireline Interstate Revenues

Increased substitution (e.g. Wireless)

Migration to new technologies (e.g., VOIP)

Contribution Methodology

Definition of Supported Services

Portability of Support

- Contribution Methodology Proceeding
- FCC seeks comment on 3 approaches
 - Retaining revenue based regime
 - Telephone number based system
 - Connections based approach

- Potential Benefits of Telephone Numberbased Contribution System
 - FCC Authority
 - FCC has no intrastate jurisdiction (5th Circuit decision)
 - FCC has exclusive jurisdiction over numbering resources
 - Relative Ease of Administration
 - Telephone numbers are stable and growing
 - Easy to administer and well understood by consumers
 - Similar to connections based proposal, special access and private lines w/out numbers could continue to be assessed based on their end user connections

- Captures migration of traffic to different platforms in a technology neutral manner.
 - Would not require contributions from any provider other than a provider of telecommunications service
- Promotes and enhances number conservation
 - Could distinguish between assigned/working numbers and assigned/non-working numbers

Upcoming Issues

National Do Not Call Registry

- Last month, FCC (in coordination with FTC) established a national Do-Not-Call Registry.
 - Covers interstate and intrastate telemarketing
 - Registration has begun (on-line, telephone)
 - Over 23 million telephone numbers have been registered
 - Enforcement begins on October 1

Upcoming Issues

Wireline Competition – 2003-04

- Intercarrier Compensation
- VOIP –AT&T Petition & Pulver Petition (4th Qtr 2002)
- Wireless LNP